

Background

UWindsor's commitment to international education is unequivocally articulated in its mission statement, which underscores its dedication to "*empowering positive change through regionally and globally engaged inquiry, learning, scholarship, creative activities, and research*" aligning with the university's vision of being "locally engaged and globally connected." The infusion of global perspectives is intrinsically woven into our core academic excellence and community impact values.

Mandate

The Global Engagement Committee (GEC) plays a critical advisory role in supporting and guiding the university's broader internationalization and global engagement efforts by providing strategic input, advice and support.

Objectives and Responsibilities:

- **Strategic Oversight and Best Practices:** Guide global engagement and best practices within the higher education sector, offering strategic recommendations to inform the university's broader internationalization efforts.
- **Direction on Global Agreements and Partnerships:** Advise on the development and alignment of global agreements and partnerships, ensuring they reflect strategic priorities, mutual benefits, and comprehensive risk management, including advising on the assessment, selection, and periodic review of international partnerships.
- **Strategy Review and Implementation Monitoring:** Support the review and assessment of the University's global engagement strategy by providing feedback and strategic insight. Monitor progress, identify challenges, and communicate achievements through established metrics and milestones to key stakeholders.
- **Support to Admissions and Recruitment Teams:** Offer strategic advice to the Admissions and International Student Recruitment teams on critical international student recruitment and admissions issues, ensuring alignment with the broader global engagement goals.
- **Guidance to Global Engagement Team:** Provide high-level strategic advice to the Global Engagement team on operational aspects and critical initiatives, ensuring coherence with the University's internationalization objectives.
- **Policy Development on International Activities:** Advise on creating and refining policies that support international activities and programs, ensuring they align with the University's strategic priorities and adhere to global best practices.
- **Student Attraction, Retention, and Support Strategies:** Contribute advisory input to the development of strategies aimed at attracting, retaining, and supporting international students, with a focus on enhancing academic success, social integration, and well-being.
- **Facilitation and Advocacy of Global Engagement:** Act as a facilitator and advocate for global engagement activities across the University, promoting initiatives such as study abroad, student exchanges, international research, and other global opportunities.
- **Enhancing International Reputation:** Provide strategic advice on efforts to strengthen the University's international reputation and support its participation in international benchmarking exercises.
- **Reporting and Communication:** Provide strategic advice on strengthening the University's

international reputation and supporting its participation in international benchmarking exercises.

The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall review the committee's mandate annually. The committee may form specific sub-committees in support of the Committee's mandate as required.

Membership

The GEC will comprise representatives from key stakeholder groups across the University, with membership reviewed annually to ensure broad representation and expertise.

Position	Role
Senior International Officer (SIO)	Co-Chair
Faculty Representative (<i>elected from Committee membership</i>)	Co-Chair
Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences	Member
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Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Education	Member
Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Engineering	Member
Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Human Kinetics	Member
Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Law	Member
Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Nursing	Member
Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Science	Member
Faculty Representative*, Odette School of Business	Member
Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Member
Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management	Member
Associate Vice-President, External Affairs	Member
University Registrar (or delegate)	Member
Director, International Student Centre	Member
Director, International Student Recruitment	Member
Representative, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation	Member
Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning	Member
Global Engagement Coordinator, UWindsor Global	Resource
Administrative Assistant, Enrolment Management	Resource
Office of Institutional Analysis Representative	Resource

* - Each Faculty within the University will appoint a representative to serve on the Global Engagement Committee. These appointments are to be made by the Dean of the respective Faculty for a term of one year, which may be renewable. Appointed representatives must possess substantial experience in global engagement, international collaboration, or related fields. This experience could include, but is not limited to, overseeing international partnerships, participating in study abroad programs, leading international research projects, or contributing to international policy development within their discipline.

^ - Student representative should be an international student or past international study mobility participant serving a one-year term.

Reporting

The Committee will submit regular reports to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. As needed, the co-chairs will present committee updates and provide reports to various University entities, such as the Senate, Provost's Council, and Board of Governors.

Meetings

The GEC will meet at least once per quarter or more frequently as deemed necessary by the Chair. Special meetings may be convened to address specific issues or opportunities at the discretion of the co-chairs or their designated representatives. Delegates are welcome to attend. Additionally, the co-chairs may invite other individuals as guests to participate in meetings when necessary.

Quorum

A quorum comprises at least half (50%) of the membership.

Minutes

The Global Engagement team shall be responsible for taking minutes at each scheduled meeting.

Agenda

Agenda items and supporting documentation should be forwarded to the co-chairs or members designated by the co-chairs.

The Global Engagement team will work with the co-chairs to prepare and circulate the agenda with all supporting documentation to Committee members no later than five (5) business days before every scheduled meeting.

Decision-Making of the Committee

Decisions and recommendations will be based on consensus.

Changes to the Membership and Terms of Reference

The Provost and Vice-President, Academic must approve membership and mandate changes.

References

American Council on Education. (2013). *The Internationalization Committee: Strategies for Success*.
<https://www.acenet.edu/Documents/Intlz-In-Action-Intlz-Committee.pdf>

Appendices

2025/26 Committee Members

Name	Position	Role
C. Busch	Senior International Officer (SIO)	Co-Chair
L. Freeman	Faculty Representative (<i>elected from Committee membership</i>)	Co-Chair
T. Najem	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (Social Sciences)	Member
J. Sinanga-Ohlmann	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (Humanities)	Member
J. Oloo	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Education	Member
B. Van Heyst	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Engineering	Member
C. McGowan	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Human Kinetics	Member
TBD	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Law	Member
L. Freeman	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Nursing	Member
D. Mennill	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Science	Member
J. Marsan	Faculty Representative*, Odette School of Business	Member
L. Freeman	Faculty Representative*, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Member
	Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management	Member
J. Bornais	Associate Vice-President, External Affairs	Member
R. Darling	University Registrar	Member
M. Houston	Director, International Student Centre	Member
D. Wang	Director, International Student Recruitment	Member
TBD	Representative, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation	Member
J. Raffoul	Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning	Member
K. Wonnacott	Global Engagement Coordinator, UWindsor Global	Resource
J. Dube	Office of Institutional Analysis	Resource
D. Prior	Administrative Assistant, Office of Enrolment Management	Resource

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